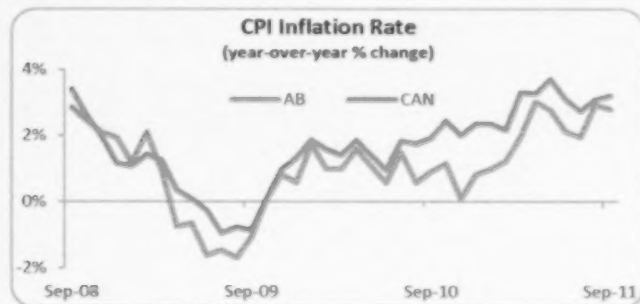


Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Alberta's inflation slips slightly ...

Alberta's year-over-year CPI inflation rate fell to 2.8% in September, from 2.9% in August. Energy prices were up 13.1%, while clothing and footwear prices fell 1.1%. Excluding food and energy, Alberta's CPI inflation rate was 1.4%, the highest since April 2010.

Nationally, the year-over-year CPI inflation rate was 3.2% in September, up slightly from 3.1% in August. Energy prices were the main contributor with an increase of 12.5% over September 2010. The CPI inflation rate was higher in all provinces except in Prince Edward Island and Alberta in September. Core CPI inflation rate was up to 2.2%, breaching the Bank of Canada 2% target for the first time since February 2010.



Resale Housing

Sales stabilize as prices pick up ...

Alberta's existing home sales were basically unchanged in September, decreasing by only 1 unit to 4,394. On a year-over-year basis, sales were up 11.3%, the fifth consecutive increase. The number of new listings in September was down 3.2% to 8,767, which nudged the sales-to-new listings ratio up from 0.49 to 0.51, maintaining balanced market conditions.

The average resale price of a house increased 1.6% to \$362,761 in September, the highest monthly increase in five months. Year-over-year, the average resale price advanced 2.1% in Alberta. At the national level, the average resale price of a house declined 0.4% to \$361,145 in September, but increased 8.1% on a year-over-year basis.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Albertans rev up new cars sales...

Alberta's new automobile sales were up 2.2% to 18,741 in August (seasonally adjusted) and advanced 4.3% year-over-year. This is the sixth consecutive month of year-over-year increases. Nationally, new automobile sales edged down 0.4% to 131,840 in August, but were up 1.1% year-over-year.

↑ 0.6%	Canadian Dollar (US\$/C\$)		
	October 21, 2011		99.10
	October 14, 2011		98.55
	2011-12 Fiscal YTD Average		102.14
↑ 0.7%	WTI Oil US\$/bbl*		
	October 21, 2011		\$87.40
	October 14, 2011		\$86.80
	2011-12 Fiscal YTD Average		\$94.63
↓ 1.9%	Nymex Natural Gas US\$/MMBtu*		
	October 21, 2011		\$3.63
	October 14, 2011		\$3.70
	2011-12 Fiscal YTD Average		\$4.15

*Based on the closing price of the near month contract

Employment Insurance (EI)

Number of beneficiaries unexpectedly increases ...

In August, the number of EI beneficiaries in Alberta rose 2.4% to 33,170, the first increase since September 2010. This is surprising, as Alberta has had strong employment growth over the past five months, and the number of beneficiaries has declined 27.7% from August 2010. Nationally, the number of EI beneficiaries increased 6.6% to 568,560 in August, but was still down 15.8% over August 2010.

Non-Residential Building Construction

Construction decreases further ...

Alberta's investment in new non-residential buildings declined 2.4% in the third quarter to \$2.1 billion; this is the sixth consecutive quarterly decrease. The decreases in construction of institutional buildings (-20.0%) and industrial buildings (-12.9%) more than offset the gains in commercial buildings (6.2%). On a year-over-year basis, non-residential construction was down 11.2%.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale sales advance ...

The value of Alberta's wholesale trade was up 1.1% to \$6.0 billion (seasonally adjusted) in August and advanced 13.4% year-over-year. Nationally, wholesale sales edged up 0.2% to \$48.4 billion in August and rose 7.7% year-over-year.

Farm Product Price Index (FPPI)

Crop and livestock prices increase ...

Despite the global downturn in most commodity prices, farm product prices in Alberta increased 1.6% in August - the second consecutive monthly increase. Both crops (0.2%) and livestock and animal products (2.3%) prices contributed to the price gains. The FPPI advanced 10.7% from August 2010.

Current Economic Indicators

Population	2009	2010	2011YTD [*]	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Population ¹ (000's) (level)	3,672	3,721	3,779	3,758	--	--	3,779	--	--
% change	2.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	--	--	1.6	--	--
Net Interprovincial Migration ¹ (level)	13,184	-2,183	13,660	5,275	--	--	4,720	--	--
Net International Migration ¹ (level)	16,835	21,533	22,081	4,266	--	--	7,080	--	--
Net Non-permanent Residents ¹ (level)	19,162	-77	-7,988	-558	--	--	1,233	--	--
Labour Market									
Employment (000's)	2,025	2,017	2,082	2,080	2,089	2,091	2,103	2,110	2,118
% change	-1.3	-0.4	3.5	2.9	2.8	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.5	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.4
Participation Rate (%)	74.3	72.9	73.5	73.2	72.9	73.7	73.9	74.1	74.2
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	950.01	993.13	1030.96	1032.26	1035.77	1038.46	1022.57	--	--
% change	2.8	4.5	4.7	3.3	4.8	4.7	2.2	--	--
Price Indices									
Consumer Price Index	-0.1	1.0	2.2	3.0	2.8	2.1	1.9	2.9	2.8
Excluding food and energy	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.4
Non-Res. Building Cons. Price Index ²	-9.8	-0.1	3.1	2.6	--	--	--	--	--
Farm Product Price Index	-10.6	-3.9	16.7	18.2	12.8	15.9	14.7	10.7	--
Crops	-18.9	-14.5	19.0	22.3	23.6	22.4	20.2	9.2	--
Livestock	-2.8	5.7	16.6	16.2	10.9	13.4	13.2	14.2	--
Household Sector									
Housing Starts (SAAR, 000's)	20.0	27.1	23.9	22.2	25.2	23.7	25.6	31.2	24.9
% change	-31.6	33.5	-15.2	-24.5	-14.9	-11.6	-12.6	32.8	-9.8
New Housing Price Index	-9.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	--
Edmonton	-11.2	-0.8	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.9	--
Calgary	-6.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	--
MLS Average Resale Prices (\$ 000's)	340.5	350.9	354.9	360.1	351.7	351.7	353.6	356.9	362.8
% change	-3.1	3.1	0.5	0.6	-2.4	-1.3	0.4	2.4	2.1
Edmonton	319.1	326.5	324.6	326.4	322.7	322.6	326.1	325.5	333.1
% change	-3.5	2.3	-1.6	-4.2	-3.0	-1.8	0.0	-1.3	1.7
Calgary	384.3	397.4	402.4	404.4	403.7	399.3	399.2	405.7	409.8
% change	-4.2	3.4	0.7	2.2	-1.3	-2.3	-0.9	3.6	-0.1
Retail Sales	-8.3	6.0	5.8	7.5	7.9	7.4	5.5	--	--
New Motor Vehicle Sales	-21.7	9.3	7.7	9.0	6.9	16.9	8.1	4.3	--
Consumer Bankruptcies	9,986	8,150	4,334	640	617	649	534	--	--
% change	64.6	-18.4	-11.9	-14.0	-8.2	-16.6	-14.7	--	--
Business Sector									
Rigs Drilling	128	207	269	123	84	150	240	323	346
% change	-45.6	61.3	44.3	100.4	50.4	26.9	20.8	45.2	95.5
Goods Exports (customs based)	-36.6	12.4	13.3	9.1	13.3	14.9	19.4	30.6	--
Energy	-40.2	17.2	13.9	6.5	15.8	14.8	23.5	33.7	--
Agriculture	-12.3	-14.4	5.7	11.6	3.8	-0.2	8.3	6.7	--
Total Farm Cash Receipts (quarterly)	-8.0	-3.9	15.9	-11.1	--	--	--	--	--
Manufacturing Shipments	-23.7	11.0	16.2	19.5	16.7	16.0	15.1	15.6	--
Wholesale Trade	-15.9	10.8	14.4	9.6	17.2	18.1	15.4	13.4	--
Building Permits	-14.2	2.1	4.3	-22.3	11.7	-14.9	17.4	37.4	--
Residential	-11.8	24.7	-6.2	0.2	-10.2	-3.6	9.5	27.1	--
Non-residential	-16.3	-19.0	19.8	-49.0	51.9	-26.1	30.3	50.8	--
Business Bankruptcies	405	378	148	17	22	16	15	--	--
% change	-9.4	-6.7	-34.8	-54.1	-37.1	-30.4	-44.4	--	--

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* YTD - year-to-date represents the change since the beginning of the year compared to the same period in the previous year.

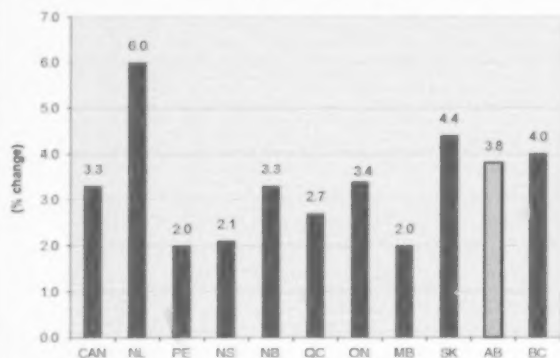
1 Quarterly; annual numbers are presented on a census year basis (July 1 - June 30).

2 Quarterly, average of Calgary and Edmonton

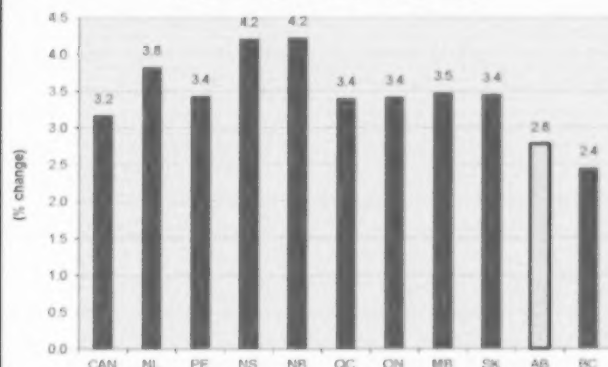
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Current Economic Indicators by Province

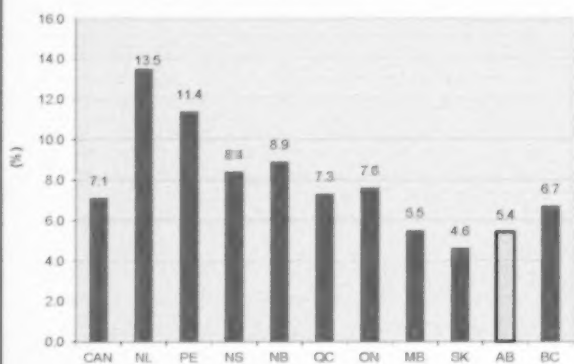
2010 Real GDP Growth by Province
(preliminary estimate, GDP by industry)



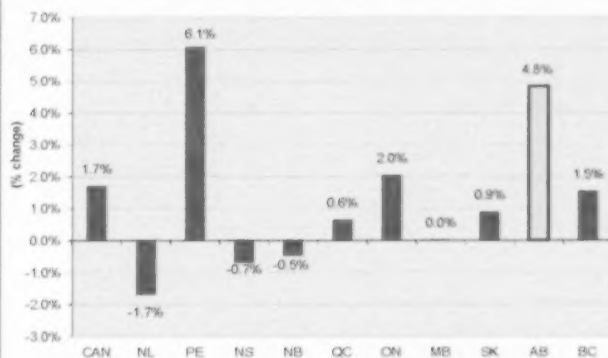
CPI Inflation
(September year-over-year % change)



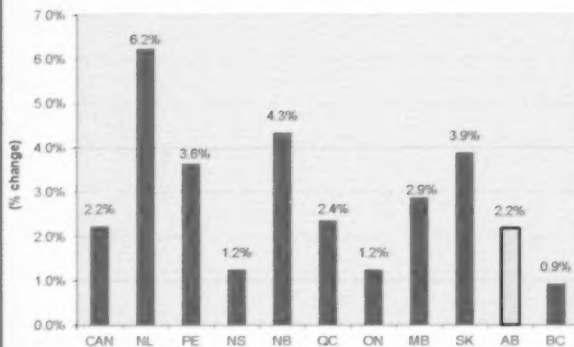
Unemployment Rate
(September 2011, Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment
(September 2011, SA year-over-year growth)



Average Weekly Earnings
(July year-over-year growth)



Housing Starts
(SAAR August 2011)

